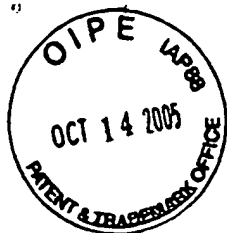


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**Response to Official Action**

In response to the Official Action of July 12, 2005, Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Applicants do not believe any additional fee is owed. However, in the event there is an outstanding fee, Applicants authorize the Examiner to charge account number 19-4516. Please amend the specification and the claims as detailed below.

**Mailing Certificate:** I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks; Post Office Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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